AN EMPRESS' BIRTHDAY

Doubts Which Prevail With Regard to the Cornectness of Its Date, and to Her Origin.

By EX-ATTACHE,

of mystery and uncertainty prevails.

Notwithstanding that the Gotha gives her birth as May 5, 1826, and that of her birth as May 5, 1826, and that of her Empress Eugenie, like Queen Natalie elder sister, the late Duchess of Alba, as of Servia, had no such education, and, January, 1825, official Spanish records in consequence thereof, was not only show that Don Cipriano, Comte de Montijo, who is given as their father, died on October 30, 1823. The pages of the register of the parish of Arevalo, which contained the entry of his death have contained the entry of his death, have to which she was subjected throughou his demise, in connection with several husband's reign, they invariably left their lawsuits brought by his brothers after his demise, against his widow.

Not only does doubt exist as to the

were the offspring of an English artist, she was secretly and more or less mor-ganatically united. It is claimed that by the Empress. Christina confided her two little girls to the Comtesse de Montijo, when the latter Countess and her alleged daughters, Eugenie possesses all the characterisof the family, except the widowed Com-

father. He was able to prove, by docu- sovereign.

Napoleon III, from raising her to the voted friend.-Eugenle.) French throne. He had known her when, tributed to interest him in her behalf. he professed himself to be unable to con-he professed himself to be unable to con-sider it, on the ground of her origin.

Noteur: (thiel). This abuse, which found sinhe every morning.

an echo throughout the French press. too, playing the pipe organ in church and

being due to her attempt to recover by Sunday school. prince, whom she had evidently expected to wed, and when later on she found that he was opposing her matrimonial alliance to the emperor and was urging that if there was any union at all, it should be merely one of a morganatic character, she developed the most intense hatred toward him, which followed him to the

Prince Napoleon, on his part, grew to dislike her. He was very fond, in his way, of his cousin, Napoleon III, and devoted to the interests of France. He considered her injurious to both one and the other. In the early part of 1871, after the Bonapartes had been driven from France, and when the German army was still encircling beleaguered Paris, the prince took a house in London, in the neighborhood of Hyde Park, and was accustomed to stroll several times a week over to our residence, where he would establish himself in a huge armchair in my father's library, smoking innumerable cigarettes, and inveighing the hour against Eugenie, "Cette femme!" (that woman!) as he was wont to call her, with most withering contempt. Not only would be denounce her as responsible for the downfall of the Bonaparte dynasty, and for the origin of the terrible war then waging, but also for every other misfortune and disaster that had overtaken France since the day when she became the wife of Napoleon III. Of the latter, he invariably spoke on these occasions with a warmth of affection surprising in a man wh appeared so thoroughly steeped in cyni-

On one occasion, some years before the unfortunate union of the late King Alexander of Servia with the unsavory Draga Maschin, Dr. Vladan Georgewitch, then prime minister at Belgrade, in the course of a discussion with his soveregn's father, made the following remark: "Our gracious king must marry, and that soon, in order to secure the dynasty, which is the principal safeguard of our volanic country. But he must marry, begging your majesty's pardon, in a very different fashion to that in which you married. He cannot marry the first young lady who takes his fancy, and who does not know how to behave on a throne. He must wed a princess who has, so to speak, been born on a throne, and who will not proclaim every marital indiscretion on the part of her husband from

Prince Napoleon's arguments ogainst his cousin's marriage to Eugenie were much on the same lines. Unlike the

Emperor, he had had the advantage of Although Empress Eugenie celebrated on Wednesday last her eighty-third birthday, yet it is very doubtful indeed whether she was born on May 5, in 1826, as the feminine occupant of a throne is asserted in the Almanach de Gotha. In well-nigh unpardonable, and regarded as fact, there is no lady of sovereign rank, high treason, princesses of the blood are either living or dead, concerning whose trained from their childhood up to close birth and parentage so great an amount their eyes to any lapses on the part of

been mutilated and removed. Yet the her occupancy of the French throne by judicial records of the courts at Madrid her sister Empresses and Queens. When make frequent mention of the date of foreign rulers visited Paris during her consorts at home.

In fact, the only royal lady of high sovereign rank who ever condescended to Not only does doubt exist as to the honor Napoleon and Eugenie by becom-identity of Empress Eugenie's father, but ing their guest at Paris was the late there is even a considerable amount of Queen Victoria, who was induced very popular controversy concerning that of reluctantly, to go to Paris by her minisher mother. For, according to some ters. They claimed that it was only by stories, Eugenie, as well as her sister, the later Duchess of Alba were in reality. the later Duchess of Alba, were in reality be prevented from putting into execution daughters of old Queen Christina, the his extraordinary project of proceeding consort of King Ferdinand, and were to the Crimea for the purpose of assum-half-sisters, therefore, of Queen Isabella ing supreme command of the allied II. French and English armies than besieg-Christina is known to have given birth ing the Russian fortress of Sebastopol. to a couple of little girls in Italy, prior While Queen Victoria never visited to her marriage with Ferdinand. They France again during all the fifteen years that Napoleon remained on the throne, of the name of Ward, a brother or relative of her governess, and with whom interest in Eugenie, largely due to the profound deference manifested toward her

It was this interest that led Queen Victoria to intervene quietly some twelve her on the voyage from Naples to Madrid years later, when a more than ordinarily on becoming Queen of Spain. Certain violent quarrel with the Emperor had resemblance existed between the after a semi-public outburst of jealous anger, vowing that she would never retics and strongly marked features of the turn. Fortunately, she directed her steps Bourbons. In fact, there is more of the to England. The Queen, who had been Bourbon in the face of the Empress than warned of what had occurred, induced in any member of the Orleans branch her to leave the hotel at which she was staying in London, and to join her at Osborne, where she kept her for a week Nor is this all. For whereas the old Comtesse de Montijo has been given as the daughter of a scion of one of the the daughter of a scion of one of the her husband. Thus through the kindness most ancient houses of Scotland, namely, of Queen Victoria what had started a senthat of the Kirkpatricks, of Closeburn, sational quarrel, and what would have yet the late Sir James Kirkpatrick, of culminated in a separation as complete Closeburn, father of the present baronet and as disastrous as that between King and head of the family, has publicly and in print repudiated all connection between the latter and Mma de Montilet. tween the latter and Mme. de Montijo's friendly and private visit to the English

mentary evidence at the Royal College Afterward, when the empire had been of Heralds at Edinburgh, that the genea-logical tree and ancestral papers which Mme. de Montijo's father, who was son, Queen Victoria showered still greater United States Consul at Malaga, had marks of kindly interest and good will produced in order to overcome the objections of the noble family of Montijo to the marriage of one of its members Eugenle lost both her husband and her to the daughter of a dealer in groceries son, so that to-day the woman of uncer-(for Kirkpatrick was nothing else), were tain crigin, who was boycotted while on merely fabrications; and that the American consul, Kirkpatrick, was not a merely of distinction, but of sympathetic

thich exist on the subject of the birth know how much she really owes to good but little among the boundary of the birth know how much she really owes to good but little among the money itself was called "salt." and of the ancestry of Empress Eugenie; Queen Victoria, and although she was and how a girl whose very legitimacy not visible among the mourners of her was so much in doubt that it necessitated best friend in the St. George's Chapel. discussion in print, should have succeeded closet; that is to say, a species of screenin raising herself to the position of Em- ed gallery. Moreover, one of the most press of the French, which she retained beautiful floral offerings laid beside the for seventeen years, constitutes a story coffin was a wreath of lilles of the valley which surpasses in amazing and improb-able romance the most sensational of fixed a card, with the following expresnovels ever conceived by a writer's brain. sion of grief in the handwriting of the It was this uncertainty with regard to Empress: "Souvenir d'un long passe af-Eugenie's origin which was among the fectueux. L'amle desolee et devouee .arguments used by the late Prince Na-poleon (Jerome) to dissuade his cousin, affection. From the heart-broken and de-

the Passy home of his old friend, the Comtesse de Laborde. It was there that he became acquainted with the mystery accorded while still in possession of the Stella's sister Cora is a rural mail carerning her birth, and with the awk- throne of France, she has never succeeded rier known all over this region. She and ward questions regarding her parentage in wirning the favor or even the sympa-and legitimacy. This, however, only conquent to her dethronement. It was only Subsequently he met her again at Madrid. She had grown into a beautiful woman, and he fell in love with her. But when the question of marriage was broached. Welcomes her and looks for her cheery with articles headed by the words "Au welcomes her and looks for her cheery with articles headed by the words "Au welcomes her and looks for her cheery with a words "Au welcomes her and looks for her cheery welcomes her cheery welcomes her cheery welcomes her cheery welcomes her and looks for her cheery welcomes her c question of marriage was broached, Voleur!" (thief): This abuse, which found smile every morning. She is a musician,

PERMIT TO TAK MEALS

egal process from the government and om the city of Parls a number of works of art, historic relics, and tapestries now comprised in the collections of the various national and municipal museums which she claimed as having belonged to her husband when Emperor.

She based her pretensions, which have been defeated, upon a will signed by Napoleon on April 24, 1865. The will is devoted for the greater part to recommendations to that son, the ill-fated prince imperial, to whom Napoleon was so passionately attached, and who at the time he had every reason to suppose would inherit his throne and his huge civil list, amounting to \$8,000,000 a year. To the Empress, in a brief and rather curt paragraph of four lines, he bequeathed "mon domaine prive" (my private property). It was the only will found after the Emperor's demise at Chislehurst. But it is known that he made a later will during the three years which intervened between his dethronement and his death. His illness was a lone one, and he was perfectly aware of his danger. But it did not interfere for one moment with his lucidity of mind, and his cousin, Prince Napoleon, and other confidants were made aware by him that he had made testamentary provision for that son, whom he idolized.

On his death, Prince Napoleon, halfrother of the father of ex-Attorney General Bonaparte, became ipse facto guardian of the then seventeen-year-old prince imperial as the ranking adult agnate of the Bonaparte family. This was conceded by all the Bonapartists gathered at Chislehurst at the funeral of the Emeror, and it was in this capacity, too. that Empress Eugenie asked him to take charge of her husband's papers.

When, however, he entered his cousin's ibrary he perceived with amazement that the various drawers of the desks and bureaus, the cupboards, and dispatch boxes were sealed, not by a French notary, nor yet by a reputable English solicitor, nor by any government official, but merely by the private secretary of the Empress. There were particularly two drawers of the Emperor's desk fastened with a small gold key which he always carried fast-

it is, that, while not the slightest trace led Eugenie to quit Paris, with fracas see the Empress again or to assume the guardianship of the prince imperial, on lon. The first accounts of its practice dren apiece. the ground that the disappearance of the date back to the time of Henry VIII.

ter cabinet ministers of Napoleon, namey, Grandperret, Finard, and Busson-Bilaut, all three men of the highest integty and enjoying universal respect, was appointed, in deference to the angry atthe following weighty words: 'In view of montem day were given. It was in the gathering being literally without means vo Scot, but an Irishman, hailing from Belfast, and of very humble extraction.

Scot, but an Irishman, hailing from Belhouse in Europe.

House in Europe. while most French people share the opin- Salt." ion concerning her so often expressed in

GIRL A GOOSE CHARMER.

Young Woman of Niantic Has Remarkable Vocal Power.

Niantic, Pa., May 8.-The power to charm animals, even including geese, is

day, a distance of twenty-seven miles. During the last four years the perfectly

SECURES RELEASE OF BROTHER.

MISS JOSHEPHINE SHILLING.

TITLED CHICAGO GIRL.



Russian consul general has just arrived in this

AN ANCIENT "TAG DAY."

Prototype of Time-honored Custom at Eton School, From the Youth's Companion,

ened to his watch chain. On these being opened Prince Napoleon discovered that. Which has swept through the land, gath- Empire need scarcely fear any decrease in the birth rate if many mothers follow were empty and that all the confidential many of the marks of the old "montem" the example of one healthy, active hausnaners including the second will which of Fton fame. This time honored custom

the example of one healthy, active hausto a depth of many feet. These deposits renew them. And well she may because
to a depth of many feet. These deposits renew them. paper s, including the second will, which the Emperor had shown him and had placed there on the occasion of his visit to Chislehurst some weeks previously.

This time-honored custom quiver so rapidly that, although still but forty-five years old, she has already twenty-five olive branches round her some prehistoric age the region about moval occurs in the case of such crops years ago, yet the modern "hold-up" has table. Another, who is four years her the present site of Stassfurt was covered as sugar beets, of which both the roots the present site of Stassfurt was covered as sugar beets, of which both the roots were missing. Prince Napoleon at once of land of getting junior, ushered twenty-three into the junior, ushered twenty-three into the by the sea. Then a volcanic convulsion and tops are harvested. A sugar beet world, while three other women, between the ages of forty and forty-three pre-

most important of the Emperor's papers, including the second will, rendered it impossible for him to properly safeguard to aid the lucky "colleger" who led his to aid the lucky "colleger" who led his a woman in Sicily, named Granota, had the interests of his young kinsman who class, and who was called "captain of twice presented her husband with quinmontem." The "collegers" of Eton are tuplets, the first time five boys and the the students preparing for King's College, second time five girls, and constantly Subsequently a commission of three for- on the foundation established by the with royal endower of the school.

On Whitsun Tuesday the boys of the school, dressed in picturesque costumes, formed a procession to escort the heroes appointed in deference to the angry at-tacks of the Bonapartists upon the Em-press, to devise some provision of a course, the montem captain, whose elec-financial character for the prince impe-tion had taken place twelve days before, After careful investigation, they in the evening of "Montem Sure Night." an instance on record of a Texas mother, ssued a report, which they prefaced with To him all the funds collected through in November, 1888, presenting her aston-

These are only a few of the questions. No one but Eugenie herself can ever this death in an encounter with the Zulus. In later years a ticket was given instead, Flower Vases Are Included Now in but little sympathy for Empress Eugenie. The cry of the tax gatherers was "Sait!

An average day's collection amounted equipped.

possessed by Miss Stella, daughter of over to the captain of montem. Out of slender, running to a point at the lower miners and other employes on its pay has rich phosphate lands in the West. Joel Weller, of this place. She is a sweet singer and has a remarkably magnetic power over animals. With a low, musical, whirring sound she attracts and tames any fowl or animal. "Goosey," her web-footed pet, needs but to hear the footed of the captain of montem. Out of slender, running to a point at the lower this the favored one had to pay for a end and flaring at the top, in its shape and reminding one of the familiar ancient torch; and this slender and graceful torch; and the lower to the dark torch torch; and the lower to the favored one had to pay for a preminding one of the familiar ancient torch; and this slender and graceful torch; and the lower torch torch shape to the familiar ancient torch; and the slender and graceful torch; and the torch torch torch torch and the composition to the familiar ancient torch; and the torch Sacre Coeur, at Paris, she was wont to spend her Sundays and half-holidays at the Passy home of his old friend, the Passy home of his old frie tains had to pay the salt bearers and in a room, a grateful object for the eyes mines will be able to supply the world for fertilizer.

runners and their attendants. Often it of the automobile's occupants to rest for several centuries. (Copyright, her horse carry the mail between this was anything but a large portion of the upon. place and Barto, making two trips each sum which finally found its way to the captain's pocket.

Montem is now forgotten save by the

oldest Etonian. The spirit of the advanced age called more and more loudly that it involved a great waste of time Growth of Industry Making Yakima and money. One of the strokes which killed the custom was the opening of a railway that brought a promiscuous crowd of spectators-a gathering impos-

THE NIGHT-TIME GARDEN.

(Written for The Washington Herald.) The ga den by day,

Moonlight lies tangled in flowers stretched from spray to spray:

Every flower gleaming white or deep and dark blood acreage. One fruit man figures that if in soil in some mysterious way protects radiates good nature on all whom he

All the air a-quiver with the "thridding" of crickets The trees cast long, deep shadows, yards of lace upon the wall.

And the west wind hisses the blossoms, then laughs being

Through warm, mysterious shadows, the sky afire There's a subtle odor of lilacs, crowned with jewels of dew,
And the poignant passion of the past comes back to

Little birds are sleeping where the branches lean, In their homes nestling amid the leaves of green; Under the shadows of night time sometimes the world is sad— Under the warmth of bird wings loving hearts are

Forgotten is the sunshine, forgotten the skies of In the night-time garden love finds a welcome, too Love casts his infinite shadow through the hush of And entranced and silent awaits dawn's roseate light.

In the night-time garden God gives me eyes to see Through the flickering shadows the love that grows for me— Shadows of loyal friendship, through the tree tops sway. Shadows of joy and laughter through the moon

In the night-time garden sweet voices whisper low. O'er a moonlit track I go back to joys of long ago; The spell of old enchantments, the longing to find you there, I stumble through the shadows, in my soul a deepdrawn prayer.

In the night-time garden I have untarnished dreams. And I wander down love's path lulled by quiet Sweetheart, I will listen for your step along the And you will bring back to me the joys of yesterday.

This seventeen-year-old girl recently arrived in New York after securing the release from a Mexican prison of her brother Frank, who had been arrested on a trumped-up charge. Miss Shilling accomplished the release of her brother after Through the dark will come thy face, with its pas-ALLIE SHARPE BALCH. 1328 Euclid street. REMARKABLE BIRTH RECORD. Quintuplets and Quadruplets-Eight

of Latter to Every Million. According to statistical records, there are in this country eighteen twins to every 1,000 births, 160 triplets to every 1,000,000 births and eight quadruplets to every 1,000,000, says Tit-Bits. Consequently a very unusual event had to be chronicled when the wife of a Beaufort collier presented her husband recently with four children-all boys-whom the writer believes are still doing well.

October, 1901. Mrs. Ormsby had been tensive potash deposits, so far as known, as a far as known, are confined to Germany. me had fourteen children. During the first three years she had one baby annu-

twenty-first year, gave birth to her third set of twins. Mrs. Pennock, a Swedish lady, who had emigrated to St. Louis, was the remarkable daughter of a retween himself and his wife, who was a Chicago was the remarkable daughter of a regirl. Picture is from a recent photograph of markable mother, who gave birth to six sets of twins and had tweety four chill. twins and another sister four pairs, while thirteen more of her mother's children found. had each three sets of twins, making a total of fifty-eight sets of twins in one

And with that he left, not only the ridge gives an account of montem in his descendants each. Two hundred and forty Berlin women, by the way, are the The origin of montem is buried in obliv- mothers of from thirteen to twenty chil-

triplets and quadruplets, having had altogether forty-two children. It is impossible to verify this instance, but there is proof of the fact that in October, 1800, the wife of a tailor named Nelson,

LUXURY IN MOTOR VEHICLES.

the Equipment of Automobiles.

twelve runners was accompanied to his clocks and of fitting up the auto with every concern that produces potash. Last post by a hired attendant, who was holders for comb and brush and mirror year nine new mining companies were runner might be in possession of several vases in automobiles until yesterday, and operation. The capital of this combina hundred pounds before the day was over, then I saw several machines thus tion is less than \$200,000,000, which is small

FRUIT TREES IN MILLIONS.

Valley One Vast Orchard.

North Yakima, Wash., May 8.-It is estimated that between 1,000,000 and 1,250,000 man speculators. fruit trees are being set out in the Yakima Valley this spring. Last year, according to conservative estimates, 1,100-000 trees were set out. That was the first time the million mark had been reached in this valley.

Last year about 3,000 cars of fruit were new trees a year is kept up, in fifteen years it will take from 75,000 to 100,000 cars a-peep, night time holds no darkness, just day time be seven or eight trains every day in the

From the amount of raw land that is

PRODUCTION OF POTASH

By FREDERIC J. HASKIN.

One of the most remarkable instances excel, or even equal, its great commer- may be, potash, has a wonderfully vitalyears ago, in Glasgow, when a Mrs. stands alone in that particular field, many crops. Tobacco needs potash, perand had been married five years. She for use in chemistry and industry, agri- from the soil it grows in first had twins, then singles, and lastly culture and horticulture. This does not quadruplets. The latter, however, did not mean that there is no potash in the soils have seemed inexhaustible, enor-Mrs. Collingan's record calls to mind world outside of Germany, for the soils mous quantities of potash are imported Mrs. Collingan's record calls to mind that of Mrs. Ormsby, of Chicago, who and rocks of all countries contain more manufacture of commercial fertilizers. gave birth to three boys and one girl, in or less potash, but it does mean that ex-

Potash has been known to man and first three years she had one baby annually, then twins twice in succession, then triplets, and finally quadruplets. What but it was not until the last century but it was not until the last century will weigh nearly 3,500,000 pounds. At that is more, the triplets won prizes at a baby that potassium was discovered to be an rate there are nearly 70,000 pounds of low, and still more remarkable, perhaps, element, of which potash is the common-potash in an acre of good land. Vegetawas the fact that Mrs. Ormsby herself est form. The production of potash on a tion absorbs the potash. Theoretically, six years ago Mrs. Pennock in her mining operations were begun in the potash per acre could be grown upon the sets of twins, and had twenty-four chil- the neighborhood must flow from a subdren altogether. Furthermore, one of Mrs. Pennock's sisters bore six pairs of made and the richest known deposits of on the other hand, there is evidence that

Further investigations have shown that siderable potash. the bed of potash at Stassfurt is from fifty to 130 feet thick and extends over In a word, nature seems to have some heaved up on either side, thus inclosing of potash from an acre of land. Cereal a vast lagoon or arm of the sea.

boiling at that time, as the temperature of the earth was very high. Evaporation bacco, 70 pounds. was most rapid, and as the water in the As potash is soluble in water, the rain lagoon turned to vapor it was replaced washes it from the soil. At the same by more water from the sea. After a time, however, rain and the other eletime the lagoon became so intensely ments promote the decay of certain rocks, saline in character that the potash, salt, the principal constituent of which is completely dried up, leaving the existing soils need potash badly. Besides the beds of potash, &c., to be covered by the vegetation and other formations of succeeding ages. Nobody has explained how or why the sea was so full of potash in stems, cotton seed hulls, wood ashes, the prenistoric times. It certainly is not now so.

Ever since the enormous value of the German potash deposits became known to Besides it the world, people in America and other countries have been seeking similar deished husband with six bables at once posits in every likely place. Geologists say there is no reason they know of why it is important and is expected to become rectifying the first will, that of that we can see the trace of resemblance like we believe that we are acting that we can see the trace of resemblance of W. T. Blackston, gardener, of Goldsthat we can see the trace of resemblance of April, 1865, we believe that we are acting in accordance with our duty and with out conscience in annuiling that first will were chosen as collectors; two of these out conscience in annuiling that first will were chosen as collectors; two of these out conscience in annuiling that first will were chosen as collectors; two of these outcomes of the mineral of that we can see the trace of resemblance of W. T. Blackston, aged unity-eight, while the form of borough road. Springfield Estate, Wandson and one or two other countries produce to make up many explosives. As potassion, aged unity-eight, while the form of potassium nitrate, or saltpeter, it goes to make up many explosives. As potassion, aged unity-eight, while the form of potassium nitrate, or saltpeter, it goes to make up many explosives. As potassion, aged unity-eight, while the form of potassium nitrate, or saltpeter, it goes to make up many explosives. As potassion, aged unity-eight, while the form of potassium nitrate, or saltpeter, it goes to make up many explosives. As potassion, aged unity-eight, while the form of potassion and one or two other countries produce to make up many explosives. As potassion, aged unity-eight, while the form of potassion and one or two other countries produce to make up many explosives. and in making the following provisions:

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10 o'cloc imperial should be placed in possession of a portion of his father's private property. They were never carried into effect, and the prince imperial, finding his position intolerable in Europe, owing to his being literally without means volunteer.

It may seem natural that the German monopoly in potash should lead to the creation of what is perhaps the greatest trust in the world, so far as absolute "New to me," said a man, "were the control over a single product and absence was so much in doubt that it necessitated best friend in the St. George's Chapel, and the doctoring of innumerable official yet she was present at the funeral service of so ice, which she viewed from behind the records, and has been the subject of so ice, which she viewed from behind the late Prince Napoleon.

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Organized in 1879, it controls practically wases filled with flowers to be seen in of competition are concerned. The potarmed. Such precaution was necessary, especially for the boys stationed at any distance from the college, for such a wases in automobiles until yesterday, and operation. The capital of this combinain comparison with the capital of some izers are nitrate and phosphate, and they

Following the approved habit of trusts, "I think I shall have a flower vase in the Kall syndicate practices discrimina tion in its business. It extends favore to the German trade with the result that Germany consumes nearly half of the potash produced. America and other ountries take what is left, and on the terms of the German syndicate. It is not surprising that the stock of potash-pro ducing companies is popular among Ger-

Potash has many and varied uses, how-ever, as for fertilizing purposes. The theory of its effect upon vegetation is not exactly understood, but it is a fact that land which is poor in potash produces bad crops, while the same land, if thoroughly fertilized with potash, will pearance, and it is a happy sight to see grow excellent crops of many things. It the four of them walking together, each shipped out from the present bearing is said that the presence of much potash with his cane and wearing a smile that plants growing therein from the ravages of frost. It also affords drainage in wet to move the crop. This would mean 3,000 trains of thirty cars each, which would

Perhaps the explanation of the fertiliz-The great white moon is crossing earth's heart with billities of the fruit crop from this valley. peculiar "beta" rays with considerable well as kids in knickerbockers.

The production of potash is one indus- velocity, which rays, it is believed, act as try in which the United States does not an anti-toxin on the soil. However that of quadruplets at birth occurred five cial rival, Germany. In fact, Germany izing effect upon fruit trees, flowers, and Collingan, the wife of a steel polisher, America, and practically all the rest of the world have to depend upon the mother was only twenty-eight years old mother was only twenty-eight years old. "Fatherland" for their supply of potash tobacco takes seventy pounds of potash

Although the resources of American

Scientists have calculated that fertile crops cannot be grown indefinitely on the same land, although it may contain con

very large area. There are deposits unknown process of conserving the potash The water is supposed to have been 36 pounds; potatoes, 50 pounds, and tocrops remove 28 pounds per acre: hav.

Besides its value as a fertilizing agency potash is used to a considerable extent in the manufacture of soap. It forms the

Potash is related in some measure to nitrate, of which nearly 2,000,000 tons are exported every year from Chile and Peru. The nitrate beds of South America, located in a bleak desert, have been the cause of at least one war, and they constitute, perhaps, the most important source of revenue for the Chilean government. Authorities say that those nitrate deposits will last for 200 or 300 years. Nitrates have been produced articially to some extent by the use of elec-

tricity. The principal associates of potash in the manufacture of commercial fertil-

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HOLD RECORD FOR AGE.

Quartet in a Michigan City Average Eighty-six Years Old.

Port Huron, Mich., May 8.-Such quartets as the one made up of the Leach brothers, of this city, are exceeding rare. Their combined ages total 344 years, an average of eighty-six years, which is "going some," to use the vernacular Each one has a beard of snowy white-

meets. In spite of their greatly advanced years,

ness, which gives him a patriarchal ap-

each one having served more than his allotted time, these brothers enjoy life to the fullest. Each is possessed of all his faculties, and, strangest of all, none of ing effect of potash is found in the fact life. They are not active in their adbeing reclaimed each year and the num-ber of new orchards that are being set that it has recently been discovered to be vanced years, but all live a retired life, well as kids in knickerbockers.

In addition to the manner in which they ave pulled the wool over the eyes of Father Time, every one of the brothers can brag some on the weight question. Each one tips the scale at more than 200 pounds, and altogether they are about as husky a quartet for octogenarians as will be found in a search the world over.

BUSY MAN IN MAINE.

A Citizen of Machiasport Who Engages in Many Lines of Activity. rom the Boston Herald.

A gentleman has received from Machaisport, Me., an envelope which gives ipon its face the record of a busy man -in fact, he must be about the busiest man in Maine. His activities are blazoned forth in this wise:

Dealer in General Merchandise Gasoline Engines and Launch Supplies,

Justice of the Peace Notary Public and Trial Justice.

Real Estate Agent Agent for Fire, Life, Accident, and Health Insurance. Correspondent for the Daily Papers.

It would seem that here was enough keep even a man from Machiasport fairly busy, but it is not all. Turning over the envelope, the busy man's face appears, with the information in type of varying blackness that he makes and sells balsam spills. These, it appears, are simply twigs from the fir balsam tree all ready to be stuffed into pillows.

SNAPSHOT OF RUSSIAN FAMILY.



Picture of the Czar of Russia, the Czarina, and their two daughters that the Czar did not at first intend the world should see. It was taken off the coast of Finland while Nicholas and his family were cruising on the royal yacht, the Standart. The Czar was out rowing with his wife and children one day, when the reyal photographer came upon him and snapped a picture. Nicholas at first ordered that the picture should not be seen outside the family, but he liked it so much that it has just been made public.